



**Uniting Church in Australia
SEACLIFF WEEKLY NEWS
Sunday 18 August 2019
Pentecost 10**

PREPARATION

Turn your ear to us, great Shepherd of people,
you who lead the church like a flock.
You who are enthroned among heavenly beings,
shine upon every church congregation.
Stir us up with your unique glory
and come to liberate and heal us all.

Let the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
shine upon us all today.

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Most loving God, help us to centre our lives on your awesome light and love, that we may recover, or maybe even discover in a new way, that ennobling awe and worship which can hallow all our years.

May we become more true than we have been, and offer you more than we thought possible,
with a liberty of spirit which makes praise as natural as dancing for joy.
Let this hour colonise all the hours of this week. To your glory.
Amen!

Bruce Prewer ... Used with permission.

Welcome to Seacliff Uniting Church!

If you are new to the area, visiting friends or family, or on a holiday, to you we extend a warm welcome, and invite you to share fully in worship and fellowship. Our Minister is Rev. Gary Stuckey.

This Week at Seacliff

MovieMates
Men's Dinner

Time TBA Tuesday 20th August
6.30pm Wednesday 21st August

What's News

“Thank you

Marilyn and I would like to thank everyone at Seacliff for the warm welcome we received at the induction service last Sunday. To all who attended and to all who had a hand in the day whether it be the worship, the afternoon tea or whatever- a big thank you. We are delighted to be at Seacliff and look forward to the years ahead sharing in ministry and fellowship.

Peace

Gary”

Gary's induction last Sunday

A huge thank you to everybody involved in any aspect of Gary's induction into Placement last Sunday afternoon: those with a special part in the liturgy, door welcomers and ushers, PA support, facilities set up and pack down, and afternoon tea: provisions, setting up and cleaning up. A great occasion, a wonderful welcome to Gary and Marilyn. Thank you everybody.
Max.

Men's Dinner for August

The next Men's Dinner is booked for **Wednesday 21st August** to take place at **the Roninn Restaurant , 185 Seacombe Road, Seacliff Park**. Meet at 6.30pm for a 7pm start. For transport or further information, contact Dene Goldsack on 8296 1046.

Takeus2 Update

Our **September** Takeus2 will be on September 8th (to avoid Father's Day) when Cravens will take us to China. The following meeting will be **October** 13th when we visit Iceland with Marilyn and Brian Wilson. **November** 10th is open for offers!

Next year will be our 10th and it has been suggested that we could expand our net to include 'non-geographic' destinations/projects/ passions, so please think about what you (or an acquaintance) would like to do. You will certainly be hearing from Andrew about Palestine and from me about Bangladesh.

Inviting further offers later in the year.

David

Cogs n Coffee

On a lovely winters day, seventeen of us did the circuit to town and back with coffee at INC at Minda. Lovely to have Howard Woods daughter, Natalie, join us for the ride.

Meet at Wattle Reserve at 8.30am for next weeks ride to Semaphore. Gary rode last week- see below. Brian



Greetings from Hebron, Palestine

Dear SUC family.

I want to firstly thank you for your support and encouragement at the service on the 28th July and to thank the many people who I know are including me in their prayers. I spent the first 4 days in Jerusalem, where the whole team of 22 received initial training before travelling to our placements. I am one of 3 Ecumenical Accompaniers in Hebron which is about 40km by road south of Jerusalem but which took about 2 hours to reach using 2 buses.

The work for the first 4 days, before returning to Jerusalem for a final 3 days training and formal handover ceremony, was quite intense with a number of meetings with key organisations, walks through the old city where we were greatly encouraged by the welcome and hospitality of many of the small shopkeepers and some interaction with security forces on a couple of occasions. Thank you again for your prayers and support. Andrew

Church Council – report to Congregation

Church Council met last Tuesday evening – our first meeting with Rev Gary Stuckey as minister in placement, and a chance to reset our thinking towards the future life of our congregation as we start the journey in this new phase of our community life. Some matters were resolved; many were placed on the table for action over the next 6 – 12 months.

We agreed that we write to the members of the JNC, including Revs Ian Dow and Douglas Mohaghan, to thank them for their work in bring Gary's placement into being.

You may remember a survey we conducted earlier this year, in which several people offered to help with leading worship in various ways. We agreed that we need to follow up on that: my apologies that we haven't before now.

You may remember that that survey also canvassed some options for inviting people / groups beyond our congregation to use our facilities for meetings, gatherings, concerts and similar. We need to follow up those suggestions too.

We have begun the process of reviewing how pastoral care is delivered, including whether our people are receiving the care they need and whether we need to be more systematic and/or intentional in our approach. We expect this process will take a few months.

We have begun the work to create a new pamphlet for giving to people when they come here as visitors or for the first time; we envisage that it might also be distributed to local community groups. It will include a listing of all the various small groups that operate under our umbrella. We hope this will be finished soon.

We agreed that we will review the fairly large number of policy documents that help shape our life here; some of these are very serious, eg, the Child Safe framework; others are important in helping us to treat each other thoughtfully, some of the Privacy matters. All these will be reviewed over the next 6 – 12 months.

The floor in the Wheatland House kitchen and toilet were covered with new lino recently. We are grateful to Von and the P&F Committee for arranging to have this work done, and agreed to write to them to convey our thanks. The finished result looks very good – light and easy on the eye – as well as being quality work.

Over the course of this year, with the assistance of Rev Ian Dow from time to time, we have thought about how we might think of our mission as a congregation. We also recognise that our congregation Mission Statement, for example, was prepared in 2009!! So we will review all these papers over the next 6 – 12 months too, to see which ones offer us helpful ideas about how to frame and think of our mission as the people of God here.

One item you may be more interested in than others – we agreed to proceed to install heating-and-cooling air conditioning in the church worship space and in all the office rooms of Wheatland House. Last Sunday reminded us how cold a winter morning can be; I'm sure it won't be long before we are reminded how hot the days can be too!

If you would like further clarification about any of these items, by all means speak to me or another member of Church Council – our names are on the notice board near the servery in the meeting room (middle hall).

Max.

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Worship Leaders for Today: **Rev. Gary Stuckey**
Lectionary for Today:, **18th August 2019: Is 5 1-7;**
Ps 80: 1-2, 8-19; Heb 11: 9 – 12:2;, Lk 12: 49-56. .
Reminder for Stewards: **25 .8. 2019**
L. Milner Von Bollinger

Welcome to our Church.

Things you need to know, especially if you are a visitor.
Fire exits are marked. Please take note. In the case of an emergency evacuation please gather on the Western Lawns under the Pine Tree. **St John First Aid Kit** - on top of the pigeon holes up from the ramp. **Toilets** are available through the door front right of the Worship Area or out through the turn around point on the ramp. **Morning tea** is held after the service – we hope you will join with us. More information is available from the Steward's Table and displays scattered around "The Middle Hall".

Items for the Newsletter

Please email items to
newsletter@seacliffuc.org
by 9.30am on Wednesdays.
If you do not have access to email, please phone or call in at the church office and it will be forwarded for you.

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